(c) the extent to which the scientists have succeeded in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Scientist in ICMR are working on a compound named, ZK(98.73) which is antiprogestin and structurally related to RU/486 & synthesised by Schering AG; West Berlin. Studies in primates have shown that treatment of pregnant bonnet monkeys with ZK compound induces abortion in 80% of animals. A limited clinical dose finding study has been carried out by WHO in two centres.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Govt. funds the project through the ICMR at an estimated cost of Rs. 15 lakhs.

(e) Studies carried out at Institute for Research in Reproduction suggestes that preliminary studies in female monkey and marmosets shows blockage of release of the egg on induction of menstruction depending on the time of administration of the drug.

This suggests its possible use for contraception or induction of menstruation in cases of delayed period or suspected pregnancy. This needs to be studied further.

Population crisis committee report

320. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that population crisis committee report, September, 1992 contains re-adjusted estimated of undercount of 1991 census data and now birth rate is estimated at 30 per 1000 population; and

(b) whether Government propose any disincentives for those couples having more than two children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) According to the Population Crisis Committee's report (1992) entitled "India's Family Planning Challenge: From Rhetorid to Action", the population size of India in mid-1992 is indicated as 882.6 million. However, as per the 1991 Census, India's provisional population as on 1.3.1991 is 844.3 million. In order to estimate the undercount in the Census, a Post Enumeration activity has already been taken up by Registrar General and Census Commissioner. In so far as birth rate is concerned, Sample Registration System of the Registrar General has estimated it as 30.2 per 1000 population for the latest available year 1990.

(b) A package of incentives/disincentives under the Family Welfare Programme has been formulated.

Medical graduates in allopathy

321. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of qualified Medical Graduates in Allopathy who had gone for study abroad, and the number thereof returned to India during the last three years;

(b) whether those who have returned are practicing or have joined services;

(c) the amount spent by Government on one medical graduate during his whole under graduate career as on Ist April, 1992; and

(d) what steps are being taken to prevent the medical graduates from leaving the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND

FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) As per information provided by the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence, the number of doctors trained abroad and registered in various countries and the number of those reported to have returned to the country during the last three years are as follows:—

Year ending	Number Re-registered	Number Returned
31-12-1989	5680	2744
31-12-1990	5813	2800
31-12-1991	5887	2835

(b) No such information is compiled.

(c) The cost of training one medical student for the entire course varies from Rs. 3 lakhs to Rs. 5 lakhs depending upon the institution where the student undergoes training.

(d) Incentives which *inter-alia* include better promotional avenues and allowances have been provided to Central Government doctors. Modern equipment and research facilities have also been provided in tertiary hospitals to make better use of the specialisation of doctors.

Vacancies in AIIMS, New Delhi

322. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of vacancies in Group 'C' & 'D' posts have been lying vacant in All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi since long;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in some categories of posts, candidates sponsored from various Employment Exchanges have been waiting for their interviews/selections for the last several months;

(c) if so, the detailed informations of all such posts against which, the nominees of Employment Exchanges have been awaiting in queue for the interviews/selections and the reasons for not conducting interviews/selections well in time; and

(d) the action contemplated in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d) No Sir. It has been reported by AIIMS that the vacancies in Group 'C' and 'D' have arisen mainly due to cadre review which is at various stages of implementation. In a few categories, the Employment Exchanges had sent nominations in response to old requests made by the Institute and these nominations had to be kept pending to facilitate implementation of the cadre review where new recruitment rules are to be introduced. Recruitment action to fill these vacancies is in progress.

Increase in prices of petroleum and petroleum products

323. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the number of times the top 10 developing countries and India increased the prices of petroleum and petroleum products since 1989 to September, 1992 and the percentage of increase in prices during the period separately?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): Information regarding prices in different countries is not being maintained.

As prices of petroleum products in India are administered, changes in prices in other countries will not be comparable.

While the average percentage increase in the price of other petroleum products has been indicated below, the price of